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AD HOC COMMITTEE, JUNE 24-27, 1974

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SUMMARY: SECOND SESSION OF WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE (WDC)

AD HOC COMMITTEE JUNE 24-27 WAS GENERALLY LACKLUSTER. THERE  
WAS CONTINUED EMPHASIS ON NEED FOR COOPERATION OF ALL NUCLEAR  
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POWERS FOR COMMITTEE'S WORK TO SUCCEED AND ON PARTICIPATION OF

ALL NUCLEAR POWERS IN A FUTURE WDC. PAKISTAN RAISED INDIAN NUCLEAR TEST ISSUE. END SUMMARY.

1. SECOND SESSION OF WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE (WDC) AD HOC COMMITTEE WHICH MET FROM JUNE 24 TO 27 APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN A RATHER DESULTORY AFFAIR, AS EXPECTED. A TEN MEMBER WORKING GROUP CHAIRED BY SPANISH AMB ELIAS HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO PREPARE A REPORT TO 29TH GA, WHICH WILL PRESUMABLY BE SUBMITTED TO COMMITTEE FOR APPROVAL AT ITS LAST SESSION SEPTEMBER 9-13. (OTHER MEMBERS OF WORKING GROUP ARE IRAN, POLAND, BURUNDI, PERU, ITALY, HUNGARY, INDIA, MEXICO AND EGYPT.) THE WORKING GROUP WILL AT SOME POINT MAKE CONTACTS WITH CHINA AND US, THE TWO NUCLEAR POWERS WHICH DID NOT ATTEND COMMITTEE MEETINGS, TO OBTAIN THEIR APPROVAL OF DRAFT IT PRODUCES, SINCE COMMITTEE IS SUPPOSED TO OPERATE BY CONSENSUS OF FIVE NUCLEAR NON-MEMBERS AS WELL AS 40 NON-NUCLEAR MEMBERS.

2. AS WAS CASE IN FIRST SESSION, MANY SPEAKERS REFERRED TO DESIRABILITY OF COOPERATION BY US AND CHINA IN WORK OF COMMITTEE AND POINTED OUT THAT A WDC WITHOUT PARTICIPATION OF ALL FIVE NUCLEAR WEAPONS STATES IS INCONCEIVABLE. JAPAN (SAITO) SUGGESTED FIVE NUCLEAR POWERS GET TOGETHER FIRST FOR INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS TO TRY TO RECONCILE THEIR VIEWS. CHAIRMAN HOVEYDA REPORTED AT OPENING MEETING THAT HE HAD HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH US AND CHINA AND THAT BOTH COUNTRIES HAD AFFIRMED THEIR WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE WITH COMMITTEE, BUT THAT HAVING STATED THEIR POSITION AT LAST GA, THEY HAD NOTHING TO ADD FOR TIME BEING; IF THEY THOUGHT IT NECESSARY, THEY WOULD PROVIDE FURTHER INFORMATION IN DUE COURSE. THERE WAS NO FOLLOW-UP DURING WEEK OF HOVEYDA'S SUGGESTION TO US AND CHINESE PRIOR TO SESSION THAT WE SUBMIT BRIEF STATEMENTS OF OUR VIEWS TO COMMITTEE. CHINESE HAVE TOLD US THAT THEY RECEIVED NO INSTRUCTIONS FROM PEKING ON SUBJECT. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT A SIMILAR REQUEST WILL BE FORTHCOMING FROM WORKING GROUP IN CONNECTION WITH PREPARATION OF ITS REPORT.

3. FRENCH AND BRITISH, WHO ATTENDED AGAIN AS OBSERVERS AND AGAIN SAT APART WHILE SOVIETS STAYED IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER ALONG WITH FORTY MEMBERS, BOTH TOOK FLOOR AND REITERATED CONFIDENTIAL

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THEIR KNOWN VIEWS ON A WDC. UK (MURRAY) SAID IT FAVORED A WDC IF ALL FIVE NUCLEARS PARTICIPATED BUT IT WOULD NEED CAREFUL PREPARATION AND NO ATTEMPT SHOULD BE MADE TO TURN THIS COMMITTEE INTO A PREPARATORY COMMITTEE.

4. FRANCE EXPRESSED SIMILAR OPINIONS BUT LAID PARTICULAR STRESS ON NEED FOR PARTICIPATION BY ALL NUCLEAR POWERS, URGING THAT THEY ALL BE PRESENT EVEN AT CURRENT PRELIMINARY STAGE OF STUDYING

VIEWS AND SUGGESTIONS OF GOVTS. NO SERIOUS WORK COULD BE DONE BY COMMITTEE, FRENCH DELEGATE (SCALABRE) SAID IF NUCLEAR POWERS DO NOT AT LEAST MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH COMMITTEE. IN PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS WITH SCALABRE DURING WEEK HE REPEATEDLY URGED US TO RESPOND TO CHAIRMAN HOVEYDA'S REQUEST FOR A STATEMENT OF OUR VIEWS, AND SEEMED TO IMPLY WE (AND CHINESE) WERE MAKING IT HARD FOR FRANCE TO FOLLOW ITS DESIRED COURSE OF CONTINUING TO ATTEND COMMITTEE'S MEETINGS, AN IRONIC TWIST SINCE WE HAD ATTEMPTED TO DISSUADE FRANCE FROM ATTENDING IN FIRST PLACE. WE THINK FRANCE WILL PROBABLY STICK IT OUT THROUGH LAST SESSION WHATEVER US AND CHINA DO.

5. USSR AND ITS FRIENDS FOLLOWED THEIR USUAL TACK OF PRETENDING THAT COMMITTEE'S MANDATE WAS AT LEAST TANTAMOUNT TO PREPARATION FOR A WDC. SEVERAL DELEGATIONS, INCLUDING UK, PAKISTAN AND ARGENTINA, SPOKE DISAPPROVINGLY OF THIS UNWARRANTED STRETCHING OF MANDATE. PAKISTAN. (AKHUND) AS IT HAD AT INDIAN OCEAN PEACE ZONE COMMITTEE MEETING A FEW WEEKS BEFORE, USED WDC COMMITTEE AS AN OCCASION TO RAISE INDIAN NUCLEAR EXPLOSION QUESTION. IT ASSERTED THAT A REVIEW OF QUESTION OF SECURITY OF NON NUCLEAR WEAPONS STATES AND OF APPLICATION OF INTERNATIONAL SAFEGUARDS TO PEACEFUL NUCLEAR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT HAS BECOME URGENT AND NECESSARY. AKHUND SAID THIS WAS PERTINENT TO A WDC SINCE QUESTION OF WHAT NUCLEAR STATUS INDIA WOULD HAVE AT SUCH A CONFERENCE NOW AROSE. IF A NEW CATEGORY WERE CREATED TO COVER CASES LIKE INDIA'S, HE SAID DISTINCTION BETWEEN IT AND NUCLEAR WEAPON STATE CATEGORY HAD TO BE MADE BY APPLYING EFFECTIVE SAFEGUARDS TO NUCLEAR FACILITIES OF A COUNTRY IN THIS CATEGORY. INDIA (LAHIRI) RETORTED THAT IT HAD ONLY PEACEFUL NUCLEAR INTENTIONS, AND WHAT WAS REALLY NEEDED WAS A COMPREHENSIVE NUCLEAR TEST BAN AFTER WHICH UNIVERSAL NON-DISCRIMINATORY SAFEGUARDS COULD BE ESTABLISHED. CONFIDENTIAL

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